Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 19 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 20 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 19 Dec 2023 at 03:26 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Tuesday. High for unsettled and changeable weather to continue for the rest of the week.

Headline for Tuesday 19 Dec 2023: Very windy and cold with snow showers

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 19 Dec 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Heavy snow	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
30%	60%	30%	30%	50%	70%

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Weather: Some bright or sunny periods and a few snow or hail showers, these frequent and occasionally heavy for a couple of hours mid-morning and again in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%

Low Cloud and visibility: Excellent visibility with great air clarity outside of showers and cloud. Occasionally becoming poor in cloud and any heavier snow. Cloud lowering to 700 metres as showers pass by.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	42/50 SW	41/48 W	41/52 W	41/51 W	43/54 W	48/61 W	43/55 W
900	26/32 SW	28/35 W	31/42 W	27/37 W	29/39 W	33/45 W	30/41 W
600	33/39 SW	33/40 SW	37/47 W	32/40 W	32/42 SW	36/47 W	29/39 W
300	16/22 SW	15/22 SW	18/27 W	17/27 W	16/26 W	20/31 W	18/29 W
Glen	10/22 SW	11/24 SW	14/29 W	12/27 W	10/24 W	13/31 W	11/27 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-3/-14	-3/-13	-4/-14	-4/-14	-4/-14	-3/-14	-3/-13
900	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-9	-0/-8
600	2/-6	2/-6	2/-6	2/-5	2/-6	2/-6	2/-5
300	4/-1	4/-1	4/-2	4/-1	4/-1	4/-1	5/-0
Glen	5/2	6/3	6/2	6/2	6/3	6/2	6/3
Freezing Level*	700m	800m	700m	700m	700m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Bitterly cold at height. Surfaces may be icy following recent rain.

Forecast for Wednesday 20 Dec 2023
Weather: A few snow showers in the early hours. Dry to start but thickening cloud will bring outbreaks of rain from the west during the morning, briefly preceded by some higher summit snow. Some persistent rain in the afternoon, chiefly across Argyll and southern Lochaber. Very windy with westerly summit severe gales. Making progress will be difficult with a risk of being blown over.

Maximum wind: Westerly 45 mph with gusts to 60 mph on the summits

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in extensive low cloud down to 600 to 900 metres

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 rising to 9 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 1 rising to 7 Celsius
Freezing level: 800 metres rising above summits

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